

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. There is still too little effective choice. The large providers are consistently raising rates with little apparent restraint. It appears that the only realistic way to encourage good service for the most people at an affordable price is to provide avenues for smaller competitors.